

HOUSE No. 3871

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to deter underage drinking.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex
Denis E. Guyer	2nd Berkshire
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO DETER UNDERAGE DRINKING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 34A of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph:-

In addition to the sanctions contained in this chapter and elsewhere, any minor age 17 to 20 years and 9 months of age who purchases, attempts to purchase, or consumes alcoholic beverage, and any minor who is intoxicated in public or who misrepresents his age to obtain alcoholic beverage shall also be punished as follows:

(a) A junior operator found delinquent or guilty of any of the above shall lose his driver's license until he attains the age of 21.

(b) For a first offense finding of delinquency or guilty, the juvenile or defendant may be fined an amount up to but not exceeding \$100 and 60 days loss of license.

(c) For a second offense finding of delinquency or guilty, the juvenile or defendant may be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and 180 days loss of license.

(d) For a third offense finding of delinquency or guilty, the juvenile or defendant may be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000 and loss of license and up to 1 year or his 21st birthday in the house of correction.